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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 08-Feb-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 02/08/03	PREVIOUS WEEK 02/01/03
BRO-FRY	153,527	151,807
LT HENS	1,841	1,724
HVY HENS	1,425	1,480

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 01-FEB-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	337	14	351
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	416	0	416
SAME WEEK YR AGO	374	0	374
TO-DATE/2003	1,697	33	1,730
TO-DATE/2002	1,705	8	1,713

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,916	1,457	3,373
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK 1/11/03	2,162	1,292	3,454
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,406	1,325	3,731
TO-DATE/2003	9,778	6,813	16,591
TO-DATE/2002	10,812	6,412	17,224

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 01-Feb-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	151,181	1,579	1,443	3,022
AVG WT	5.21	3.58	7.38	5.39
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	144,124	1,746	1,292	3,038
SAME WK YR AGO	153,992	2,032	1,325	3,357
AVG WT	5.22	3.51	7.82	5.21
TO-DATE/2003	727,789	8,081	6,780	14,861
TO-DATE/2002	746,636	9,107	6,404	15,511

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 153 million head or 1.2 million head less than or 99 of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING January 25, 2003**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	21,565	21,968	46,844
Avg Weight	3.87	4.74	6.24
% of total /1	24%	24%	52%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	24,410	21,325	42,892
Avg Weight	3.66	4.76	6.17
% of total /1	28%	24%	48%
Same week, yr ago /2	27,554	24,621	43,118
Avg Weight	3.76	4.77	6.11
% of total /1	29%	26%	45%
To date/2003	77,226	76,347	153,576
To date/2002	115,780	87,854	177,157

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 01-Feb-03
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,656	2,695	55	5	4,411
AVG WT	15.28	36.78	24.11	30.03	28.54
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,512	2,504	55	10	4,081
SAME WK YR AGO	1,860	2,717	18	20	4,615
AVG WT	16.06	37.28	25.12	37.97	28.65
TO-DATE/2003	7,924	12,476	273	52	20,725
TO-DATE/2002	8,216	12,579	174	36	21,005

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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